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Bills to Protect Parliament

By Moshe Brilliant, POST Parliamentary Correspondent
The aftermath of the assault on the Knesset two weeks ago continued to occupy the Knesset yesterday. The House completed the first readings of two measures designed to immunize the parliament against terror and preserve it from inside and outside, such as occurred during the negotiations with Germany for reparations.

The measures were the immunity of Knesset Buildings Bill which bans demonstrations in the neighbourhood of the Knesset and articles on House procedure which provide for the expulsion of members for obstruction.

The House also began the first reading of a bill stiffening penalties for assaulting, resisting or obstructing police, but the debate was not finished.

Conspicuously absent from the House yesterday were the six Herut members, apparently because of the suspension of their leader, Mr. Menachem Begin, on Monday night. (An eighth Herut member is ill). They were reported to have checked out of their hotels yesterday morning and to have left Jerusalem, giving no indication as to the meaning of their action.

When the proceedings opened yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Hanna Landau, who was in the chair, said that Herut had been prevented by an oversight on Monday night from making their statement on the suspension of Mr. Begin. She said they would now be permitted to do so, but there was no Herut member present.

Not a Sequel

Technically, the Knesset Building Immunity Law and the House discipline measure have been pending a long time and had been discussed at some length in the House Committee. The chairman, Mr. David Bar-Rav-Hai (Mapai), said that the measures were not a sequel to the recent disturbances. But in the debate most members linked the bills, which incidentally were freshly tabled on the day after the disturbances, with the Herut demonstration and its aftermath.

The disciplinary measures, which were introduced by Mr. Bar-Rav-Hai, permit the Speaker to deny the floor for the duration of a meeting to a member who is called to order three times for offensive behaviour. For disturbing a meeting or abusing the Speaker, a member may be ejected, by force if necessary, by a majority vote of the Knesset. For grave misconduct, the House Committee may suspend a member for up to five meetings, but the member may appeal to the plenary.

Mr. S.B. Sason (Sephardim) and Dr. Wahrhaftig (Mapam) also argued that the Speaker should be given the power to disperse the Knesset with particular vigour by force if necessary.

Other opposition speakers, Mr. Elimelech Rinaldi (Sephardim) and Mr. Meir Zusman (Mapai), also argued against giving the Speaker what they called "sensory powers". Mr. Rinaldi said patience and tolerance should be the watchword of Democracy. But Meersha

THE trouble is that the United States is none the poorer for it. Its national income is bigger today than when the rearmament programme began; and, it seems, the faster it is spent the bigger it grows. There ought to be a lesson in this. But unfortunately it is a lesson applicable only to America. Rerarmament in Britain and on the Continent has had exactly the opposite effect—a pinching, impoverishing effect. Germany, once she starts in full measure, may profit the way the United States does. Her contribution to our "expensive peace" should begin very soon, if she is to have what Herr Blank, Bonn's Commissioner for Security, has promised—twelve divisions, a total of 2,750 tanks, a tactical air force of 75,000 men with 1,500 fighters and light bombers; and universal military service for eighteen months.

IT is silly for anyone, but I expect to try to work out the economics of this kind of peace; and the experts disagree, of course. Five of them were called to the U.N. Economic and Social Council the other day to say what the economic effects might be. They reported that all was well. There was no sign of a depression or even a recession and every sign of unique prosperity, at least in the United States. In a recession should come, they said, the experts. It might mean a loss of upwards of \$10,000 m. to the rest of the world, and that would be bad. "Any sudden cutback in American rearmament, clearly would involve serious risk of a recession." On the evidence of the five experts, therefore, Mr. Truman's \$85,000 m. budget is as much an economic as a peace necessity.

ONE cannot help the suspicion that this may be unfortunate. U.N. has been discussing the abolition of the atom bomb. But \$5,000 m. to \$6,000 m. are to be spent on new "fantastic" atomic armaments. U.N. has also been talking about disarmament and has given us the impression that disarmament would not be a bad thing one way and another. Now we are told that disarmament, or a "cutback in American rearmament," might bring about a recession and turn prosperity into hardship. It is extremely puzzling, especially when a glance at the affairs of, say, Britain and France, tells a very different story from a glance at the affairs of the United States. One cannot tell about Russia. Whether Russia is prosperous or not is a point of view rather than of economics; and whether her massive armies and their equipment contribute to a flourishing society is again a matter of opinion. The five experts called by the U.N. Economic and Social Council had nothing to say on such matters.

IT remains to be seen, of course, whether or not the American taxpayers' representatives in Congress are willing to pay so hagely for peace and the avoidance of "recession." Tel Aviv, January 23

Arab Mob Kills French Colonel in Tunisia Riot

TUNIS, Tuesday.—In the worst incident in recent disorders in Tunisia, nine Arabs and a high-ranking French officer were killed and 22 people injured today when rioters stormed a bank at Sousse, 25 kms. south of Tunis. Colonel Durand, the local commander, was shot down and beaten to death while trying to quieten the crowd. Police and troops then opened fire on the demonstrators.

During the night a gendarmerie patrol was shot dead and a train derailed, after saboteurs had unbolted railway tracks between Sfax and Sousse. No casualties were reported. Late night three people were killed and a score injured when rioting nationalists threw grenades from the rooftops of Nabeul, 50 miles south of Tunis. The clashes occurred when French and native police tried to break up a demonstration in front of the headquarters of the local Tunisian administration.

The "New York Times" reported that on Sunday Arab mobs looted eight Jewish shops in the holy city of Kairouan. The "Times" reported that the entire Knesset could not be exposed to the mercies of any single member. If there were no provisions for summary expulsion, and if the "House Committee" would have to discuss every case, any member would be able to disrupt the House proceedings at will.

There was no opposition to sending the bill back to Committee for final drafting. Meanwhile, the regulations are in any case in force, as the First Knesset has ruled that regulations drafted by the Committee should be effective unless they are killed by the Knesset.

In the debate on the Knesset Buildings Immunity Bill, representatives of Mapam and the Communists (whose parties have organized occasional demonstrations near the Knesset) objected to the ban. On the other hand, Mr. Eliahu Hacarmeli (Mapai) suggested that demonstrations should be banned in all of Jerusalem on Sunday morning.

"We know that about 10,000 Egyptians have left Iamalia since the troubles began, and it is up to the Egyptian authorities to house those evicted in some of the dwellings which must have been left empty in Iamalia," he declared.

The tiny church of the Holy Family of Mooscar was packed for the funeral of the American nun Sister Anne, killed here during Sister's fight.

General Sir George Eskin said today the Mother Superior at the Convent of St. Vincent de Paul in Iamalia had been killed by a stray British bullet. She had told him at the nun's funeral here today that this was a "falsification."

Dr. Zerah Wahrhaftig (Mapam) also argued that the bill on assembly of more than three persons outside the Knesset should be eased either by increasing the permitted number or by applying it only when there is a need to interfere with the Knesset.

The Minister of Justice Dr. Dov Joseph introduced the bill increasing penalties for interfering with police, while presenting it to the House. The bill will be up to two years imprisonment, and introducing minimum penalties. According to the new proposals, penalties for assaulting a person will be from three months to five years for resisting from one month to three years.

Mr. S.B. Sason (Sephardim) and Dr. Wahrhaftig attacked the principle of minimum penalties. Mr. Sason also opposed increasing the permitted number of three to up to 200,000. The bill was supported by Mr. Idov Cohen (Progressive).

Committee Asks For Minimum Farm Prices

A price-range for vegetables is to be issued this morning in Tel Aviv and adjoining districts to elect members of the P.M.C. in the wake of processions and flag-waving demonstrations.

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Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

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A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum, yesterday. D) Maximum, temp. expected today.

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43 students in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa recently completed a social welfare course given by the Ministry of Social Welfare.

Three Arab smugglers were arrested recently when several head of cattle were reportedly found in their possession near Masser village. It was announced in Tel Aviv yesterday.

IL-300 was stolen from the cashier of the Bet Hapapaim Cinema in Kfar Saba yesterday while he was busy selling tickets.

Thousands of pounds worth of gold and diamonds were allegedly found in possession of an Iraqi Jew who arrived at Lydda Airport from Italy yesterday.

Telephone rates will not be raised, in the near future, as reported yesterday.

For sale IL-210 from the employer, Shaya Grassis, 22, a housewife, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the magistrate's Court in Haifa yesterday.

Hoenigman War Crime Decision Next Week

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The verdict in the case of Ya'acov Hoenigman, charged with war crimes, will be given next Sunday, Dr. N. Bar-Zakar, President of the District Court, announced here today.

The hearings lasted six weeks and the Court's record shows 400 printed pages.

Charged with maltreatment of Jewish women prisoners while serving as a "kapo" in the Rochlitz camp in Czechoslovakia during the war, Fela Shving, 31, of Akir, was brought to the District Court here today. A prosecution witness, Shoshana Kurtz, told the Court that the accused used to take some of the daily bread ration of camp inmates.

The Court was presided over by Judge S. Kagan. Mr. R. Weinberg is appearing for the Prosecution and Mr. M. Nadar for the accused. The trial was adjourned to February 18.

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Ration News

TEL AVIV: Meat: 100 grams. Gimel 23, visitors 44; sick persons 500 grams. Net Gimel 3. Rusk: sick persons, 500 grams. Poultry: expectations, 1 kilo. Eggs: 100 grams (for caravans) (new products). SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Sick persons: eggs: 10 Net Gimel 3. Net Bet 3; poultry: 500 grams. Bet Aleph: Bet Gimel, coupons: Bet Bet: 100 grams. Kuf 12, Aleph, visitors: 31.

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Agency Treasurer Guilty Of Insulting Schmorak

The Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, Mr. David Baharai, has been found guilty by the Zionist Court of Honour of having insulted Dr. Emil Schmorak while the latter was serving as Comptroller of the Jewish Agency and Zionist Organization. It was learned yesterday in Jerusalem. The verdict was handed down on January 16. Mr. Baharai had been charged, on June 26, 1950, with having insulted Dr. Schmorak and with breach of Zionist Organization discipline.

The charge was based on statements made by the accused in reply to the Comptroller's verbal report to a Jewish Agency meeting and in a special memorandum

to Mr. Levi Eshkol, of the Jewish Agency, in which a contract between the Agency and the Merchantile Storage Company, Ltd, was criticized.

While recognizing the right of an official, whose activities are an object of the Comptroller's scrutiny, to reply to such a charge, the Court said that such an official had no right to "turn the tables and take upon himself the rôle of the Comptroller's critic and to find various defects in that office." Mr. Baharai's statement was deemed not to be on the nature of a factual reply but rather a "sharp and scathing criticism of the Office to whose scrutiny he was being subjected."

The Court dismissed a charge of breach of discipline and confined itself only to the matter of insult.

Noting that it was not empowered to impose a fine, the Court, composed of Messrs. S. Ussishkin, Y. Wolfson and M. H. R. Graetz, Managing Director of the Dizengoff Company, is now loading in Baltimore and will be manned by an Israeli crew, which is expected to arrive there tomorrow. She is due to sail for Haifa, her new home port, in 10 days.

The m.s. Hasharon arrived here this evening with 800 tons of wheat, part of the 2,000 tons purchased in Cyprus last week.

New Fishing Boats Have Big Catches

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Two new fishing boats, bought in Italy by the Nahshon Company, have already brought in large catches of fish.

The boats, which ply the Mediterranean, are fitted with refrigerators with a capacity of three tons of fish. Another 25 tons can be stored in the holds. Of steel construction, the boats are 25 metres long and have a speed of 10½ knots. They are fitted with 150 and 200 h.p. motors of the Ansaldo type and with the latest wireless equipment. A nine-man crew is aboard.

It is learned that some of the 40 Italian fishing instructors who were invited here last year to teach sardine casting knew less than local fishermen. The men were chosen from a list of names submitted by an Italian fisherman here. Some, which had been stricken aboard had considerable sums of money during the season.

The year, the Fishermen's Organization sent to Italy to choose instructors for the sardine season which is to start in March.

RUPPIN PRIZE GIVEN TO BARUCH WELTSCH

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Ruppin Prize for a book on sociology was presented to Mr. Baruch Felix Weltsch at Bet Pevsner here today for his book "Nature, Morals and Politics." Mr. Weltsch is with the National Library and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

This is the seventh time that the IL-300 prize has been awarded by the Haifa Municipality. The Ruppin Prize for technical literature was not awarded.

ACTION AGAINST BLACK MARKET OFFENDERS

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — "Disciplinary, administrative and social measures" to be taken against black market offenders who are members of the Histadrut, were discussed at today's joint meeting of the Histadrut Anti-Black Market Committee Secretariat, the Central Control Committee and the Secretariat of the Histadrut Court of Honour.

The Court was presided over by Judge S. Kagan. Mr. R. Weinberg is appearing for the Prosecution and Mr. M. Nadar for the accused. The trial was adjourned to February 18.

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Cannot Meet Demands Of Arab Teachers

The Anti-Black Market Committee has requested an interview with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion to discuss steps to fight illegal dealers.

INFANT'S BODY FOUND IN GRAVE

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The body of a new-born baby was found yesterday in a metre-deep grave near the home in Yazour of the 17-year-old girl who, together with her father, was arrested on Sunday, on an infanticide charge.

The body has been taken to Hadassah Hospital here for examination.

RATION OF TWO PAIRS OF SOCKS

The countrywide distribution of two pairs of socks to each consumer will start soon, a Ministry of Commerce spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday.

Consumers will have to present their identity cards when making purchases and shopkeepers will register the numbers. The distribution was made possible when an inventory of the things available to the Ministry revealed that about 80,000 dozen pairs of socks were in stock.

Zilkha Bank in Syria Ordered Liquidated

The Jewish-owned Zilkha Bank of Syria, which had branches throughout the Arab world, is to be liquidated in Syria, according to a Government decision in Damascus, ANA reports.

All its accounts and branches are to be liquidated by April 1, 1952. The Government has also ordered its auditing department to prepare a detailed account of the bank's financial activities during the past few years.

FOUND DEAD AT HOME

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Reno Hot, 22, was found dead this morning in his bungalow at Tel Kasila, near here, with a Sten gun bullet in his head. The gun and its magazine with seven instead of eight rounds were found nearby. It is believed that Hot was killed accidentally while cleaning the gun. His body was taken to the Tel Hashomer hospital.

Relatives and friends please note.

HAIM SHACHTER and FAMILY

Personal Notice

The remains of our dear mother Mrs. HENNA SHACHTER

of Rabbi J. Shacter of Northern Ireland

who died in Belfast on the 8th of Kislev 5712 (Dec. 23, 1951), will arrive at Lydda Airport tomorrow, Thursday, January 24, 1952, at 12.30 a.m., for reburial in the Sanhedrin Cemetery, Jerusalem, at 11 a.m. on the same day.

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Braille Magazine

The first Arabic periodical in Braille appeared in the Old City recently, according to the Old City daily, "Fatafat."

The 32-page magazine contains articles translated from the British and American press. It is printed and issued by the Jordan Blind Institute in Ramallah.

Four Ring Suspects Arrested in T.A.

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Four men have been arrested following the police discovery of a nationwide ring of thieves, it was learned here today. One of the men is A. Hines, of Kfar Saba, who reportedly acted as a receiver of the stolen goods, and two well-known housebreakers.

The goods seized by police include IL-8,000 worth of carpets stolen from the shop of Mr. Berl Yoran in Rehov Geulah here last December, a fur coat worth IL-1,000, stolen from a private flat in Tel Aviv, and cloth valued at over IL-500, stolen from the Hazzan shop in Rehov Hashomer last Sunday.

The carpets had already been sold by the thieves to receivers for IL-900. Most of the carpets were found packed in cases at Mishmar Hayam, near Acre, ready for resale.

Yitzhak Elias, of the Motzkin Housing Project in Kfar Saba, one of the arrested men in whose house IL-4,000 worth of carpets, the fur coat and most of the cloth were reportedly found, was today released in IL-900 bail.

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AFTER a trial which was a
travesty of justice, two
young Iraqi Jews were this
week hanged for reasons
which had no
JUDICIAL thing to do
MURDER with the
MURDER trumped up
charges on
which they were indicted.
Mr. Sharabi was right in des-
cribing their execution as
judicial murder.

There was no evidence, ex-
cept possibly a statement which
was valueless because it was
extracted under torture, that
the men had committed the
crime; and indeed the crime
itself, as described in the im-
dictment, was so far-fetched
as to be incredible. It is not
probable that spies in the ser-
vice of Israel would seek to
further their cause by throw-
ing bombs into a synagogue or
into the Baghdad office of the
U.S. Information Service.

The series of trials in Iraq,
which have now continued for
several months, are as much
political in conception and pur-
pose as any of the similar
trials which other countries
have felt constrained to stage
from time to time. Every ef-
fort is made to present the de-
fendants in the most unfavour-
able light as saboteurs or spies,
and to focus on the proceedings
all the limelight of publi-
city. Such trials have no con-
nection with criminal acts, but
serve solely to distract a des-
pairing population by conjur-
ing up a group of hapless per-
sons who are represented as
responsible for the causes of
the people's despair.

All the circumstances attend-
ing the public execution in
Baghdad were barbaric in the
extreme, and characteristic of
the corrupt and despotic char-
acter of what is essentially a
medieval regime. The spectacle
was an offence to human digni-
ty, but it is clear that the
Iraq Government needed it as a
diversion for the discontented,
ignorant city mob — a mob
discontented enough to be fear-
ed by its feudal masters, but
possibly not so ignorant as to
allow itself to be diverted for
ever by the degrading spect-
acle of public executions.

The sincerity and dignity of
the statement which Mr. Eban
made yesterday at the General
Assembly has brought to the
notice of the world the horrors
perpetrated by the Government
of Iraq. If they needed further
illustration, this was provided
by the Iraqi delegate's brutal
and untruthful reply. In the
end, the Iraq Government may
well regret that it paid
no attention to the urgent but
friendly representations which
had been made to it in an ef-
fort to prevent these unjustified
hangings. This cowardly
action, characteristic of a
thwarted, vengeful regime, will
be long remembered, as will the
two innocent victims of
Arab hatred and spite. The
Iraq Government may imagine
that by their death it was
avenging its own defeats and
appeasing the Baghdad mob,
but it may well find it has
sown dragon's teeth.

CRIME books and films are
what we moderns really
enjoy. Virtue is said to be its
own reward; but very dif-
ferent is the pay off for
those who suc-
cessfully write
or make pic-
tures about wickedness. Their
inventiveness, which is re-
cognized so handsomely in
cash and fame, must astound
many a professional bad man
when he looks into his own
profit and loss account for the
year — provided of course
that any part of the year has
remained to him for making
profits (as it so often doesn't)
after working for the govern-
ment in return for keep only
He must feel that here once
more is the man of action
eclipsed by the untried theo-
rists, by bubble-pipe detective.
It is not unlike a working
farmer who compares his
returns with those of men who
buy and sell crops on a city
exchange.

How is it that the thriller
has become the standard of
best-selling fiction everywhere?
That the so-called "comic,"
which invariably depicts violence,
seems as essential to the
life of one democracy as coca
coca itself? Doubtless the rea-
sons could be stated quite
readily — even enthusiastically
— by a Freudian analyst.
But leaving such experts to
their own fields, or subfields
rather, one odd contradiction
in public taste is worth ex-
amining. The cinema-goer is
delighted by films about racket-
teers; yet he seems positively
ungrateful to those who put
on a flesh and blood racket,
the real thing as opposed to
shadows on celluloid, by re-
selling tickets to the queues
outside.

KUOMINTANG TROOPS REINFORCED FROM FORMOSA Trouble Brews on Burma's Border

By RAWLE KNOX

RANGOON.— DURING the past few weeks, according to incontrovertible authorities here, Kuomintang General Li Mi's 93rd Division, which is based on the Burmese province of Kengtung, has been reinforced by one of Chiang Kai-shek's best battalions from Formosa. The battalion has come across the Thai border in dribs and drabs, a platoon at a time. K.M.T. officers are now talking of a February offensive.

Simultaneously the Chinese Communist 14th Army, whose headquarters is at Paoshan in Yunnan some 70 miles from the nearest point on the Burma border, and the 13th Army at Puerh have been reinforced by some 3,000 men, bringing their total strengths to about 70,000 men. Each of these armies has three divisions — none at full strength — which are stationed variously at 20 to 30 miles from the frontier.

French Flank

Kengtung, one of the Shan States, protrudes from the east of Burma like a dog's nose. To the north lies Yunnan; below the jaw wriggles over some 150 miles of the Indo-China frontier; beyond again, beneath the throat, is the border with Thailand. Where Indo-China marches with Yunnan the French have established strong defence posts; the Burma border is only lightly protected. By crossing 16 miles of Kengtung territory, Chinese Communist troops could attack a weakly held French flank.

The Communist troops at the moment would appear to be in defensive positions. Yunnanese peasants report that they draw their rice rations from central godowns which are ready for firing should K.M.T. troops attack. On the other hand Communist officers frequently hand Kengtung border village headmen messages stating they have been helped into Burma by an American organization in Bangkok. General Li Mi flew to Bangkok to thank them.

When British subjects were discovered, some two years ago, aiding Karen rebels, His Majesty's Government did everything diplomatically possible to stop them, and the Burmese argue that in the present circumstances Washington should act at least as strongly. The trouble would appear to be in Bangkok. American Embassy officials here undoubtedly consider themselves let down by their colleagues in Thailand.

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Focal point of new Kuomintang concentration in Kengtung, bounded on three sides by China, Indo-China, and Thailand.

Burma, with her present internal revolutionary troubles, has not yet returned. U.S. Support

The United States Embassy here has been at pains to point out that officially it has no contact whatsoever with General Li Mi, and there is no reason to doubt this statement. There are Americans accompanying it in its ignominious offensive last autumn, and when retreat followed a Thai Police helicopter was sent to evacuate them from Mongnyen. It crashed and was burned by its crew; the two Americans were pulled out into Thailand.

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Readers' Letters

HERUT RIOTS: PRO AND CON

The Editor of THE POST
Sir, — As a South African
now resident in Israel may I
be permitted to voice my
opinion on the recent riot
outside the Knesset. I con-
sider your condemnation of
Herut, who touched off this
disgraceful episode, a restrain-
ed and very concise expres-
sion of public indignation at
this deliberate insult to our
Knesset, and to the people of
Israel. However, nothing I
have heard as yet including
the Prime Minister's address
on the subject has done any-
thing to allay the serious uneasiness
I feel about the whole
affair. No responsible citizen
of Israel can be made to be-
lieve that unstable cranks by
themselves can ever be really
dangerous, but their con-
tinued presence among a
discontented public may
provide the spark for a rev-
olutionary explosion.

About 4,000 K.M.T. troops
are stationed at Mongnyen.
They have an airstrip, cur-
rently being extended; it has
never been used, though a
plane did try to get in last
October when it was driven
away by the mist.

Internal Problem

Almost due north of Mongnyen are another 2,000
of this K.M.T. Division. Some
3,000 are on the Yunnan front-
ier and a similar number are
stretched along the east bank
of the Salween River, where
they have destroyed several
bridges in order to prevent us
from getting across. The
Burme Army coming that it can't happen here. Any
to attack them. In any case, student of history knows what

MUSICAL DIARY

AT her piano recital last Sun-
day at Ben Hahalutz, pre-
sented by the cultural section
of the Histadrut, Nadia Eltin-
gon-Reichert again proved her
mastery with three of the
greatest sonatas ever written:
Mozart's Sonata in D major
(K. 576), Brahms' Sonata in F
minor (op. 5), and Chopin's
majestic B minor Sonata, (op.
58).

Technically her playing was
flawless, and she succeeded
in giving to each work the
colour and sincerity which has
made these sonatas world fa-
mous and which mark that true
artist. This recital confirms the
impression that as a pianist,
Mrs. Eltingon-Reichert is un-
rivalled in this country.

Stravinsky Symposium

Although a biography on
Stravinsky (who will be 70 this
year) by the Polish-Jewish
composer Alexander Tansman,
was published in New York
two years ago, a new book,
"Stravinsky in the Theatre"
(Peter Owen, London 1951) is
no less welcome. Edited with
an introduction by Munna Le-
derman, there are first some
reminiscences; Jean Cocteau:
"Le Sacre du Printemps"; Jacques
Rivière: "Nijinsky's In-
novation"; Igor Stravinsky:
"Interpretation by Massine".
George Balanchine writes about

FRANCO

In Tel Aviv
At his farewell concert with the I.P.O. at the Ohel Shem on Saturday night, Igor Markevitch presented his own orches-
tral arrangement of Bach's

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"Musical Offering," a work
which, in its original version,
was conceived rather more
spiritually than instrumentally
on Stravinsky's gift to the West;
and Pierre Monteux on "Early
Years." There are tributes by
composers like Carlos Chavez,
Vittorio Rieti; Darius Milhaud.
In an essay, "Influence, Prob-
lem, Tone," Aaron Copland writes,
"Despite the widespread
influence of his music, Stravinsky
as a composer remains a singularly
remote and removed figure, a composer
whose passport to the future
needs no signature than his own."
Leonard Bernstein ends
his contribution, "A Note on
Variety": "Stravinsky's variety
when one sees his members
going through the shopping
bag of an Egged passenger,
while ignoring such an ob-
viously rich reward awaiting
their investigation.

One public official whom I
questioned about this state
of affairs explained that
the police were afraid of be-
ing beaten up, and could do
nothing until their hands were
strengthened from higher au-
thority. Small consolation to
the genuine anti-black mar-
keteer and taxpayer, who sees
no reason that he should be
receiving diverted to the black
market, while members of the
Police Force walk around
looking the other way.

Yours etc.,
JACOB SARNA

South African Natives' Staple Diet Threatened

By JOHN WORRALL

Soil Conservation in the
mealie triangle said: "Our
mealie position is critical.
The acreage under maize will
be very drastically cut this
season, even if last-minute
rains come before it is too late.
Of the mealeis sown during
the early rains we shall have
to write off fifty per cent."

Two and a half months of
ceaseless sunshine have wreaked
havoc in these areas, which
are still suffering from the
effects of last year's drought.

Sixty-three areas have now
been declared drought-
stricken by the Division
of Soil Conservation. Farmers
are turning their cattle into
their ruined mealeis lands in
an effort to recover something
from the devastated crops.

Mealeis farmers in the great
"mealie triangle" of the Western
Transvaal, North Western
Free State and Central Free
State have huge areas of
dying crops and thousands of
starving animals on their
hands.

Exports Cut

Exports of maize will be cut
to a minimum, if any is sent
out of the country at all. The
Mealei Board has not sold
maize for export since Octo-
ber, and that was maize from
the 1949-50 crop.

Not only is the acreage sown
likely to be the lowest for
years, but other crops such as
sunflowers and ground nuts
have already flowered for the
first time in such scorching
sun that their yield will be
considerably reduced.

An official of the Division of
Soil Conservation

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Jerusalem Municipal Debts Increase

By EDWIN SAMUEL

ALTHOUGH the meetings of the
Jerusalem Municipal Council are now quieter, the
state of the City's finance is
graver. After 17 meetings of the
Finance Committee, the Budget, which should have
been approved last April, is now — nine months later —
nearly ready for submission to the
Minister of the Interior.

Last April there were unpaid
debts (excluding the Water
Supply), amounting to IL 225,
000. These have been covered
by bank loans for three, five
and ten years. By next April,
there will be further unpaid
debts amounting to over IL
200,000 (still excluding the
Water Supply). These debts are in
part due to the recent salary
increase paid to the municipal
staff in two stages — in April
and October, 1951, in order to
bring them up to Tel Aviv
level (although Tel Aviv is a
much wealthier city). In a full
year, these increases amount to
IL 150,000, not counting the
teachers.

Some Progress

Nevertheless, some progress has
still been made in Jerusalem in
the construction of roads, housing
schemes and schools. In spite of
the grave shortage of materials
the civil-service have recently
been completed, and 45 more are
under construction. Calculations
on the basis of forty children
per family, will provide ac-
commodation for 2,400 more children.

Mayor's Victory

The city itself owns practically
no land for public purposes. It
is steadily losing over IL 200,000 a
year; the expenditure is twice as
large as the annual debt of
IL 200,000 last April will rise to
about IL 400,000 next April. The
Water Supply budget for the cur-
rent year has been completed, although three-quarters of
the year have passed. Everyone
agreed that the water rates must
be increased; the local Mu-
nicipal Committee agreed to con-
sider the matter cannot come to
any agreement. The Coalition want
the tenant to pay; the Opposition
want the landlord to pay. By threatening to re-
victor, he forced the coalition to
accept his budgetary proposals.

The resignation of the Mayor
of Jerusalem might have had
international repercussions at an
inopportune moment. As a
new political conflict in the
capital would have been most un-
welcome at this time, Mapai's
opposition to increased municipal
taxation in Jerusalem was
called off in deference to the
larger issue.

Although the delay in intro-
ducing the new taxes has been
most unfortunate, the increased
revenue will help stabilize the
municipality's position next
year. The income from the
business tax will be quadrupled
from IL 30,000 to IL 120,000 a
year — and this may be made
retroactive to April, 1951. The
revenue from the entertainment
fees will be doubled (from
IL 70,000 to IL 140,000 a year);
even then the rate will only be
the same as that in Tel
Aviv and Haifa. But the total
increase of IL 160,000 a year
will still not bridge the gap be-
tween current revenue and cur-
rent expenditure, quite apart
from the repayment of debts
and the provision of money for
essential public works. Hence
it is imperative to introduce
the proposed 10 per cent addition
to the income tax for the
benefit of local authorities.
This would probably give the
city of Jerusalem a further
IL 230,000 a year.

The need for new roads, new
municipal housing schemes and
other public works is urgent.
The public is invited and
requested to be punctual.

Y.M.C.A. JERUSALEM

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